

A petition for extension of time for responding to the outstanding action by three months, to October 10, 2002, together with the appropriate fee, is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 114-117 and 125-127.

Please amend claims 92, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101-103, 105, 106, 109, 110, 113, 118, 121 and 124 as follows.

92. Bulk continuous filament yarn consisting essentially of substantially continuous filaments and having a bulk level of about 2 to about 20%, denier of about 500 to about 3000, shrinkage of about 1 to about 15% and Plug Crush Recovery of at least 85%, wherein the filaments consist essentially of crystalline polypropylene homopolymer that melts above about 160°C or such crystalline polypropylene homopolymer having incorporated therein at least one additive that is a pigment, process aid, flame retardant, heat stabilizer, light stabilizer, antimicrobial agent, electrically conductive material, antistatic agent or stain resisting agent.

93. The yarn of claim 92 wherein the filaments consist essentially of the crystalline polypropylene homopolymer having incorporated therein at least one additive that is a pigment, process aid, flame retardant, heat stabilizer, light stabilizer, antimicrobial agent, electrically conductive material, antistatic agent or stain resisting agent.

95. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 94.

97. The yarn of claim 92 wherein the filaments consist essentially of the crystalline polypropylene homopolymer.

99. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 98.

101. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 92.

102. The carpet of claim 101 having a cut pile.

103. The carpet of claim 101 having a loop pile.

105. Bulked continuous filament yarn consisting essentially of substantially continuous filaments and having a bulk level of about 2 to about 20%, denier of about 500 to about 3000, shrinkage of about 1 to about 15% and Plug Crush Recovery of at least 85%, wherein the filaments consist of a blend of crystalline polypropylene homopolymer that melts above about 160°C with up to 10 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the crystalline polypropylene homopolymer of at least one other polymer, or the blend having incorporated therein at least one additive that is a pigment, process aid, flame retardant, heat stabilizer, light stabilizer, antimicrobial agent, electrically conductive material, antistatic agent or stain resisting agent.

106. The yarn of claim 105 wherein the filaments consist of the blend.

109. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 106.

110. The yarn of claim 106 wherein the crystalline polypropylene homopolymer has a melting point of about 168°C.

113. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 110.

118. The yarn of claim 105 wherein the filaments consist of said blend having incorporated therein at least one additive that is a pigment, process aid, flame retardant, heat stabilizer, light stabilizer, antimicrobial agent, electrically conductive material, antistatic agent or stain resisting agent.

121. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 118.

124. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 123.

Please add new claims 128-139 as follows.

128. The yarn of claim 93 wherein the crystalline polypropylene homopolymer has a melting point of about 168°C.

129. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 128.

130. The yarn of claim 128 having a Plug Crush Recovery of at least about 87%.

131. The yarn of claim 128 having a Plug Crush Recovery of at least about 90%.

132. The yarn of claim 97 wherein the crystalline polypropylene homopolymer has a melting point of about 168°C.

133. Carpet having face yarn comprising yarn according to claim 132.

134. The yarn of claim 132 having a Plug Crush Recovery of at least about 87%.

135. The yarn of claim 132 having a Plug Crush Recovery of at least about 90%.